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SUBJECT: TURKISH AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL PLEA

1. ON FIVE MINUTES' NOTICE MY TURKISH COLLEAGUE ASKED TO COME BY. HE MADE PASSIONATE PLEA TO ME FOR US TO AVOID TAKING ACTION IN PRESENT CYPRUS CRISIS WHICH COULD SERVE TO DISRUPT FOR LONG-TERM US-TURKISH RELATIONS.
2. SENSE OF HIS CONCERN WAS THAT US TAKE A NEUTRAL POSITION AND DO NOTHING THAT COULD BE PERCEIVED BY TURKISH PUBLIC, WHICH HAS LONG MEMORY FOR SUCH THINGS, AS DISRUPTIVE OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS. HE AVOIDED SPELLING OUT WHAT HE HAD IN MIND IN TERMS OF DISRUPTIVE COURSE OF ACTION, BUT CLEARLY HE HOPED THERE WOULD BE NO STRONG PUBLIC CRITICISM OF TURKEY IF IT COULD BE AVOIDED.
3. I TOLD HIM I WAS NOT IN MOMENT-BY-MOMENT TOUCH WITH EVENTS BUT WAS SURE THAT US WOULD BE PLAYING A ROLE WHICH WAS DEDICATED TO ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE AREA AND THAT WE CONTINUING TO PURSUE A POLICY OF DEFENDING INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS AND WORKING THROUGH UN AND NATO WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE PRESENT PROBLEM.

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4. WHILE HE SAID PLEA WAS PURELY PERSONAL, HE WAS IN

DIRECT RADIO CONTACT WITH ANKARA AND SAID HE WAS BEING KEPT UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS. HE MAINTAINED THAT HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN FAVOR OF STRONGEST POSSIBLE US-TURKISH TIES AND IF PRESENT EVENTS CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE AREA THIS TOO WOULD BE A CATASTROPHE FOR TURKEY AND NATO AS WELL AS FOR US.

5. WHILE NOT UNDERTAKING TO PASS ON HIS COMMENTS, I BELIEVE THAT HIS SENSE OF TURKISH INTERNAL REACTION IS WORTH KEEPING IN MIND. IN VIEW OF MINIMIZE, DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AS DESIRED.
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